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## THE MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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The thirty-seventh meeting of the MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA was held under the auspices of Vassar College at Poughkeepsie, New York, December 28, 29, 30, 1920. All the sessions were held in the buildings of Vassar College.

### FIRST SESSION, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

#### ASSEMBLY HALL

The Association was called to order by the President, Professor John Matthews Manly, at 3.05 p. m. It was welcomed to Poughkeepsie by President Henry Noble MacCracken of Vassar College.

The Secretary of the Association, Professor Carleton Brown, presented as his report Vol. XXXV of the *Publications* of the Association, and the report was accepted.

The Secretary announced that the roll of the Association included 1,507 active members, a slightly larger number than in any previous year. At the same time he recalled the warning given by Secretary Howard at the Columbus meeting, that unless five hundred names were added to the membership list it would be necessary to increase the subscription price of the *Publications*, on account of the extraordinary increase in the cost of printing. In view of the existing situation the Executive Council had voted, in accordance with the authorization given by the Association at Columbus, to advance the annual subscription price of the *Publications* to four dollars beginning January 1, 1921. In order to bring about a proportional increase in the rate of Life Membership the Secretary offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the Association the fee for Life Membership should be, either a single payment of fifty dollars or payment of seventeen dollars and fifty cents per annum for three consecutive years: *provided*, that persons who for fifteen years or more have been active members in good and regular standing may become life members upon the single payment of thirty-two dollars and fifty cents.

The resolution was adopted.

The Treasurer of the Association, Professor Carleton Brown, presented the following report:

#### A. RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

##### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand December 31, 1919,	-	-	-	-	\$	69	70
From Members for 1916,	-	-	-	\$	3	00	
" " " 1917,	-	-	-		6	00	
" " " 1918,	-	-	-		66	00	
" " " 1919,	-	-	-		249	30	
" " " 1920,	-	-	-		3,653	69	
" " " 1921,	-	-	-		106	00	
" Life Memberships,	-	-	-		150	00	
							\$4,233 99
From Libraries for XXXI,	-	-	-	\$	2	70	
" " " XXXII,	-	-	-		5	40	
" " " XXXIII,	-	-	-		8	10	
" " " XXXIV,	-	-	-		30	60	
" " " XXXV,	-	-	-		222	75	
" " " XXXVI,	-	-	-		79	65	
							349 20
For Reprints, XXXV,	-	-	-	-	-	15	00
From Sales of <i>Publications</i> ,	-	-	-	-	-	170	06
" Advertisers,	-	-	-	-	-	130	00
" Sale of Index Volume,	-	-	-	-	-	68	55
" Sale of Reports of the Committee of Twelve,	-	-	-	-	-	1	62
" Membership fees for M. H. R. A.,	-	-	-	-	-	148	50
" Subscriptions to <i>Mod. Lang. Review</i> ,	-	-	-	-	-	41	25
" Interest on Current Funds,	-	-	-	-	-	26	15
" Interest on Liberty Bonds,	-	-	-	\$	23	25	
" Interest on Permanent Fund,	-	-	-		304	02	
							327 27
							5,511 59
							\$5,581 29

EXPENDITURES

To Secretary, for Salary, - - -	\$ 750 00	
“ “ for Printing, - - -	34 35	
“ “ for Postage, - - -	92 37	
“ “ for Record Book, - - -	1 65	
“ “ for MS. envelopes, - - -	1 87	
“ “ for Expressage, - - -	12 21	
“ “ for Telegrams, - - -	7 39	
“ “ for Council Expenses, - - -	21 98	
	<hr/>	\$ 921 82
To A. A. Dority, for Treasurer's Bond, - - -	12 50	
To Secretary, Central Division, for Salary, - - -	100 00	
To W. A. Neilson, Managing Trustee, Life Mem- berships, - - - - -	150 00	
For purchase of copies of <i>Publications</i> , - - -	5 00	
For subscription returned, - - - - -	2 70	
For refund of fees for 1920 to Life Members, - - -	6 00	
To Committee on Resolutions, for expenses, - - -	1 50	
For Exchange, - - - - -	2 27	
For collection charges on checks, - - - - -	2 98	
To J. H. Furst Co. for printing <i>Publications</i> , XXXV, 1 - - - - -	\$ 1,010 50	
XXXV, 2 - - - - -	1,002 65	
XXXV, 3 - - - - -	937 10	
	<hr/>	2,950 25
To Smith & Lamar, for Programs for Pough- keepsie and Chicago meetings, - - - - -	391 30	
To American Council of Learned Societies, dues, - - -	74 35	
To American Council on Education, dues, - - -	10 00	
To Hon. Treasurer, M. H. R. A., membership fees, - - -	114 03	
To Cambridge University Press, subscriptions to <i>Modern Language Review</i> , - - - - -	31 49	
	<hr/>	\$4,776 19
Balance on hand December 24, 1920,* - - - - -	805 10	
	<hr/>	\$5,581 29

\* The bill for printing XXXV, 4, of the *Publications*, which amounted to \$1,044.14, was not received until after the Treasurer's books were closed. Allowing for this, the year ended with an actual deficit in this account of \$239.04.

## B. INVESTED FUNDS

## Bright Fund (Eutaw Savings Bank),

Principal, December 31, 1919, - - -	\$ 1,577 51
Interest, April 1, 1920, - - -	55 13
	<hr/> \$1,632 64

## von Jagemann Fund (Cambridge Savings Bank),

Principal, December 31, 1919, - - -	\$ 1,452 40
Interest, July 1, 1920, - - -	69 16
	<hr/> 1,521 56

Liberty Bonds, - - - - -	600 00
Total, December 24, 1920, - - - - -	3,754 20
Total, December 31, 1919, - - - - -	3,629 91
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Increase, - - - - -	\$ 124 29

## C. BALANCE SHEET, 1920

Increase, Current Funds, - - - - -	\$ 735 40
Increase, Invested Funds, - - - - -	124 29
Added to Permanent Fund, - - - - -	150 00
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Total Increase,* - - - - -	\$1,009 69

It was voted to refer the report of the Treasurer to the Auditing Committee.

President William Allan Neilson, Managing Trustee of the Permanent Fund, presented the following report:

Savings Bank Account, December 27, 1919, -	\$ 7,210 00
Six Life Memberships added in 1920 at \$25.00	
each, - - - - -	150 00
	<hr/> \$7,360 00
Purchase of Liberty Bonds (11),	
par value \$8,300, - - - - -	\$ 7,171 38
Paid Carleton Brown, Treasurer, - - - - -	150 00
Savings Bank Account, December 27, 1920, -	38 62
	<hr/> \$7,360 00

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\* Allowing for the unpaid bill for XXXV. 4, the net increase is reduced to \$35.25.

The secretary read a letter from Professor John William Cunliffe, Chairman of the Committee on the Reproduction of Early Texts, stating that owing to unfavorable conditions it had not been possible in the course of the year to bring out the facsimile edition of the "Caedmon MS." in which the Committee was mainly interested.

It was voted that the report be accepted and the Committee continued.

The following report of progress by Professor W. G. Hale, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Grammatical Nomenclature, was read by Professor H. Carrington Lancaster:

The report of the Joint Committee on Grammatical Nomenclature is not yet in final form. During the war the work was impossible. Since then it has been delayed partly by the Chairman's retirement, which involved loss of time in setting up a new establishment, and partly by the continued silence of Professor Zeiger of Frankfurt in the face of repeated letters asking him, with the greatest courtesy, for information promised by him about the movement for uniform terminology which was begun in Germany before the War, and in which he was the leading figure. A modicum of information has now been obtained from another source, and the work of preparing the final form of the Report has been set in motion.

It is of course understood that, for some time, changes must not be made in the terminology which has already been published, and which has passed into considerable use. The work contemplated, if a majority of the Committee approves, is: (1) to illustrate and explain some of the more difficult points more fully; (2) to furnish a brief history of the movement for uniformity, the importance of which is made evident by the fact that the demand for it has arisen in five different countries: England, France, Germany, Austria, and the United States; (3) to provide an index, which a good many correspondents have asked for. It is possible, too, that the Committee may decide to add material of a fourth kind, namely suggestions about the assignment of various parts of the terminology to various grades of study, with the especial idea that there should be little or no use of technical terms in the early years, and that, so far as possible, correct habits in speech and writing should be formed by what are called "corrective exercises" before the grammatical

terms corresponding to these correct habits are proposed to the student. Something like this is already urged in syllabuses prepared by certain State authorities to guide instruction in English. It would seem an especially opportune time for the presentation of some such points of view in the Report, since a determined attempt to banish the study of English grammar completely from the schools has recently been made (*North American Review* for July) by a Regent of the State of New York, and has been received with a good deal of sympathy by the daily press. The argument was based in large part on the supposed multiplicity and arbitrariness of grammatical terms and so-called rules, and their supposed unintelligibility for students of elementary or high-school age.

The Chairman of the Joint Committee took advantage of the discussion which the article in the *North American Review* brought about by contributing a letter to the *New York Times*, under the title of "Clarified Grammar," calling attention to the aims and propositions of the Report of the Joint Committee. The letter seems to have served its purpose; for the Secretary of the National Education Association, in whose hands the Committee have put the Report, wrote the Chairman as follows:

"Dear Dr. Hale: I am writing to tell you that we have received hundreds of requests for the pamphlet on Grammatical Nomenclature since your article appeared in the *New York Times*. Our supply of pamphlets was soon exhausted, but the requests for it continue to come in."

Another thousand, the ninth, has since been printed.

It may be added that another American grammar of English is expected to appear before long, and that the author, after years spent in preparation and deliberation, has determined to adhere completely to the terminology of the Report. To make sure of this aim, the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Grammatical Nomenclature has been asked to read the proof.

It will be seen from the above that the year has not been a wholly inactive one for the work entrusted to the Committee.

In England, the same cause has continued to make gains. In 1918, the Government Committee on Modern Language pronounced in favor of Uniform Grammatical Terminology, and commended the Report of the English Joint Committee. Further, an Oriental Advisory Committee, recently formed, has published a scheme, harmonious, as far as possible, with that of this Report, to be applied to the grammar of Sanskrit and the modern Indian vernaculars of Sanskrit origin.

It was *voted* that the report be accepted as a report of progress and that the representation of this Association on the Committee be continued.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Committees:

To nominate officers: Professor Walter Morris Hart, Francis A. Waterhouse, Laura J. Wylie, Joel Hatheway, Robert H. Fife, Charles H. Handschin, and Robert K. Root.

To audit the report of the Treasurer: Professors William G. Howard, Chauncey B. Tinker, and Emilio Goggio.

On resolutions: Professors J. Douglas Bruce, Mary Vance Young, and Carl F. Schreiber.

The President asked Professor William G. Howard to take the Chair and the reading of papers was then begun.

1. "The Radicalism of the Later Southey." By Professor William Haller, of Columbia University.

2. "The Italian Journey of Henry James." By Professor Edward Everett Hale, of Union College.

3. "El Teatro de Cervantes." By Professor Rudolph Schevill, of the University of California.

4. "Pascal in English Periodic Literature." By Professor Isabelle Bronk, of Swarthmore College.

5. "Notes on the Tristram Legend" (illustrated by lantern slides). By Dr. Roger Sherman Loomis, of Columbia University.

At 8 o'clock in the evening of Tuesday, December 28, the President of the Association, Professor John M. Manly, of the University of Chicago, delivered in the Assembly Hall an address entitled: "New Bottles."



After this address an informal reception for the members and guests of the Association was given by Vassar College in the parlors on the second floor of Main Building.

### SECOND SESSION, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

The second session was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock.

Professor Carleton Brown, on behalf of the Committee on Coöperation with the Early English Text Society, gave a brief account of correspondence carried on with Sir Israel Gollancz, Director of the Early English Text Society, and announced the intention of the Committee to issue very shortly a circular appeal with a view to increasing the Society's membership in the United States.

Professor H. Carrington Lancaster of Johns Hopkins University brought up the question of the suggestions outlined in the Presidential Address looking toward the organization of special groups in connection with the annual meetings of the Association, and moved that the President appoint a committee of which he should be Chairman, to consider the feasibility of putting these proposals into effect; and that this committee be asked to report to the Association on Thursday morning.

Professor Raymond Alden moved to amend by referring the matter also to the Chairmen of the several section meetings, but the amendment was not seconded.

After some discussion Professor Lancaster's motion was put and carried. The President appointed as the other members of this Committee Professors Lancaster, Lowes, and Mensel.

Professor John L. Lowes proposed as one of the services to scholarship which the Association might appropriately undertake, the publication of an annual bibliography.

With the suspension of the bibliography in the American Year Book the need for this is greater than ever. On motion of Professor Lowes it was

*Voted:* that the Editorial Committee of the Association be instructed to consider whether the Bibliography hitherto published in the *American Year Book* might not be taken over as a regular department in the *P. M. L. A.*

On motion of Professor William G. Howard it was

*Voted:* that the Delegates of this Association to the American Council of Learned Societies be requested to raise in the aforesaid Council the question whether it may not be expedient for American Learned Societies to secure by coöperation a central establishment for the storage and shipment of back numbers of their publications.

The reading of papers was then resumed:

6. "*In Principio.*" By Professor Robert Adger Law, of the University of Texas.

7. "The First Visit of Erasmus to England." By Professor Howard J. Savage, of Bryn Mawr College.

8. "Æsopic Fable Incunabula in American Libraries." By Dr. George C. Keidel, of the Library of Congress (read by Professor Raymond D. Havens, of the University of Rochester).

9. "Questions of Literary Success and Influence." By Professor André Morize, of Harvard University.

10. "The Evolution of the Priest Genre in the French Novel of the Nineteenth Century." By Professor Ray P. Bowen, of Syracuse University.

11. "Doctor Johnson and the Occult." By Dr. Joseph Moorhead Beatty, Jr., of Goucher College.

12. "James Boswell on the Continent." By Professor Chauncey B. Tinker, of Yale University.

13. "The Tragedy of Sir John Van Olden Barnaveit." By Professor A. J. Barnouw, Queen Wilhelmina Lecturer, Columbia University (read by Professor Harry Morgan Ayres, of Columbia University).

### THIRD SESSION, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

For the third session the Association met in three sections, devoted respectively to English, Romance, and German Philology.

#### ENGLISH SECTION

Room 22, Rockefeller Hall

Chairman, Professor Charles G. Osgood, of Princeton University. Secretary, Professor Clark S. Northrup, of Cornell University. The following papers were read:

14. "The Purport of Milton's *Allegro* and *Penseroso*." By Dr. Percy W. Long, of the Massachusetts Department of Education.

15. "The Influence of George Sandys in English Poetry of the Early Seventeenth Century." By Professor William H. Hulme, of Western Reserve University.

16. "The English *King Horn* and Its Continental Relations." By Professor Arthur G. Brodeur, of the University of California.

17. "The Punctuation of Shakespeare's Printers." By Professor Raymond M. Alden, of Stanford University.

The paper was discussed by Professors Hulme, Manly, Bouton, and Law.

18. "A Neglected Notebook of Coleridge." By Professor John Livingston Lowes, of Harvard University.

## ROMANCE SECTION

Room 32, Rockefeller Hall

Chairman: Professor Raymond Weeks, of Columbia University. Secretary: Professor Frederick Bliss Luquiens, of Yale University. The following papers were read:

19. "Some Mediæval Echoes of the *Vetus Latina* and their Significance." By Professor D. S. Blondheim, of Johns Hopkins University. The paper was discussed by Professors C. H. Grandgent, of Harvard University; Thatcher Clark, of Columbia University; E. C. Armstrong, of Princeton University, and the Chairman.

20. "The Source of an Old French Epic Prayer" was to have been read by Professor G. L. Hamilton, of Cornell University. In the absence of Professor Hamilton, Professor R. H. Keniston, of Cornell University, amplified the printed résumé of the paper, which was then discussed by the Chairman and Professor Blondheim.

21. "Manzoni and the Romantic Movement." By Professor Mary Vance Young, of Mount Holyoke College. The paper was discussed by the Chairman.

22. "Juan de Valdés as a Literary Critic." By Professor R. H. Keniston, of Cornell University.

23. "L'Exotisme psychologique dans l'Œuvre de Flaubert." By Professor Gilbert Chinard, of Johns Hopkins University. The paper was discussed by Professor Geoffroy Atkinson, of Amherst College.

The Chairman announced that the French scholars F. Baldensperger and Paul Hazard have recently founded a *Revue de Littérature comparée* (Champion, Editeur).

At the request of the Chairman, Professor Blondheim spoke of the need of new subscribers to *Romania*, the cost of which is now thirty-seven francs *per annum*.

The Chairman spoke of the need of new members for "La Société des anciens Textes français," to which the annual subscription is twenty-five francs, with an admission fee of twenty-five francs. Professor James Geddes, Jr., of Boston University, reminded the members of the Section that it is possible to obtain at reduced rates those publications of the Société which have not been exhausted.

Professor Albert Schinz, of Smith College, made an appeal for new members for the "Société des Textes modernes," and his remarks were supplemented by Mrs. Alice M. Dickam.

Professor Madison Stathers, of West Virginia University, moved "that this Section suggest to the Association that hereafter we have three of our four meetings in groups instead of in general meetings." Professor E. C. Armstrong, of Princeton University, proposed as an amendment: "That the whole question be referred to the Committee in charge." This amendment was accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion, and the motion as amended was carried.

The Chairman made an appeal for new members for the Dialect Society, after which the Section adjourned, at 5.45 p. m.

#### GERMANIC SECTION

Room 14, Rockefeller Hall

Chairman: Professor William Guild Howard, of Harvard University. Secretary: Professor Henry H. Stevens, of Wesleyan University.

On the motion of Professor Robert H. Fife, of Columbia University, the Chairman was requested to inform the

Secretary of the Association that it was the desire of the Germanic Section that section meetings should form a regular part of the program at the meetings of the Association.

The following papers were then read:

24. " 'Die drei losen Nymphen ' again." By Professor Carl F. Schreiber, of Yale University.

25. "The Structural Composition of G. Keller's *Sieben Legenden*." By Professor C. H. Handschin, of Miami University. The paper was discussed by Professor E. F. Hauch, of Rutgers College.

26. "Prototypes of the Scholz Family in Hauptmann's *Friedensfest*." By Professor Frederick W. J. Heuser, of Columbia University.

27. "The 'Lower Classes' in the Dramas and Tales of Hauptmann." By Professor Camillo von Klenze, of the College of the City of New York. The paper was discussed by Professor R. H. Fife, of Columbia University, and Professor J. F. L. Raschen, of the University of Pittsburgh.

28. "A Method of Presenting the History of German Romantic Literature." By Professor Robert Herndon Fife, of Columbia University. The paper was discussed by Miss L. M. Kueffner, of New York City.

The Chairman then presented to the meeting a letter dated Freiburg, October 15, 1920, from Mr. Walter Silz, of Harvard University, expressing doubt of the authenticity of a MS. edited by Professor Paul Piper as Goethe's *Joseph*.

After a short recess the Section proceeded to consider subjects for coöperative enterprise, such as had been suggested in the Address of the President of the Association.

Professor Camillo von Klenze suggested that a collection of the ballads and lyric poetry written in the United States in the German language could not fail to be of great value. It was voted to transmit this suggestion to the committee of the Association as a matter of first importance.

Professor William Guild Howard suggested that the Association might properly undertake to publish as a series of monographs concurrently with the *Publications*, such fruits of research as were of a size or nature unsuitable for inclusion in the *Publications*. Professor R. H. Fife strongly supported Professor Howard's suggestion and on his motion it was voted to recommend to the Association that steps be taken to make the publication of such a series of monographs possible.

A suggestion made by Professor J. F. L. Raschen that the Association ought to make a thoroughgoing survey of the conditions of modern language instruction in the United States failed to win the support of the Section.

Professor Marian P. Whitney, of Vassar College, was elected Chairman of the next Section Meeting and was empowered to select a secretary and, in consultation with the Secretary of the Association, to prepare the program for the next meeting of the Section.

The meeting was then adjourned.

At 7 o'clock in the evening of Wednesday, December 29, the members of the Association were entertained at dinner by Vassar College in Underwood Hall, Main Building.

At 8.30 o'clock in the evening the members of the Association were invited to a smoker in the reception room of Main Building. A smoke talk was given by Mr. Ellwood Hendrick, of New York City.

## FOURTH SESSION, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

## ASSEMBLY HALL

The session was called to order at 9.40 a. m. Professor Frank Aydelotte, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, proposed for the consideration of the Association the following plan for procuring for the use of American scholars and graduate students, rotographic reproductions of manuscripts and rare printed books in European Libraries.

1. It is proposed that American University Libraries be asked to contribute \$25.00 each per year for a fund to be expended in making rotographs or other reproductions of manuscripts and rare printed books for the use of graduate students in our early history and literature. Institutions subscribing to the fund would be asked each year to suggest the material likely to be of most value to their students during the year following. This would, so far as possible, be reproduced, preference being given to material which was likely to be useful in more than one institution.

2. The reproductions would be deposited in the Congressional Library at Washington, D. C., the Manuscript Division having undertaken to house the material and to send the reproductions wherever they may be wanted, under such regulations as may be laid down by a committee in charge. The Congressional Library is also willing to attend to the executive work involved in securing a statement from institutions of their preference and in arranging for the making of the reproductions in England. The Congressional Library will prepare for sale in the usual manner catalogue cards describing reproductions as they are secured, thus enabling each University Library to maintain a complete catalogue of the material.

3. The collecting and paying out of funds and the determining of the regulations under which these reproductions should be used should be undertaken by a committee, preferably of the Modern Language Association, and this committee should make a yearly report to the Association of funds received and expended, of reproductions secured, and of the use made of them in this country. This report should be discussed at the annual meeting and should be printed in the *Publications* of the Society.

4. The type of reproduction contemplated is the rotograph for the reason that it is the least expensive at the present moment, the



aim being to secure single copies of as large a number of manuscripts and books as possible rather than duplicate copies which could be deposited in separate University Libraries. The nature of this material is such that not many copies would be needed at one time. Regulations should be made such as to limit the time that any one student could keep the material in his possession for study, thus securing as wide a circulation of it as is consistent with the best interest of graduate study. No attempt should be made to compete with societies engaged in reprinting manuscripts and books, or reproducing them in collotype.

5. We have received assurance that if such a collection is started in the Congressional Library, we shall have the gift of a number of rotographs of manuscripts which have been made for the purpose of printing. These would have great value for paleographical purposes, even after the manuscripts have been printed.

6. Even if the plan is begun with an assurance of not more than \$500.00 a year, it would be possible for this sum to reproduce something like 2,000 pages of manuscript yearly, since the Congressional Library has undertaken to bear the cost of what little executive work would be required. In a few years' time, even on this limited scale, we should have a fairly important collection, and it is to be hoped that we should soon be able to go more rapidly by securing a larger number of subscribing universities and also perhaps by securing aid from private gifts.

After some discussion it was:

*Voted:* That the plan proposed by Professor Aydelotte be referred to a Special Committee of five to work out the details, with power to act.

The Chair appointed the following persons to serve on this Committee: Professors Frank Aydelotte, George Lyman Kittredge, Colbert Searles, Alexander R. Hohlfeld, and Mr. Charles Moore of the Library of Congress.

Professor Charles H. Grandgent, of Harvard University, called attention to the fact that the year 1921 will be the 600th anniversary of the death of Dante and that it was proposed to celebrate this anniversary at Washington in October. On his motion it was

*Voted:* That the Chair appoint a committee to represent the Association at the proposed Dante celebration.

The Chair appointed Professor Grandgent as the Association's representative.

Professor J. Douglas Bruce, of the University of Tennessee, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following report:

*Resolved:* That the members of the Modern Language Association desire to express to the Trustees of Vassar College, to President MacCracken, to the members of the local committee and to the students of Vassar, their grateful appreciation of the charming hospitality and excellent arrangements for their comfort, convenience, and entertainment which have made the thirty-seventh meeting of the Association a memorable and delightful occasion.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Professor William G. Howard, chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported that the Treasurer's accounts had been found correct, whereupon it was

*Voted:* That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Professor H. Carrington Lancaster, of Johns Hopkins University, was called to the chair. Professor John M. Manly presented the report of the Committee to consider the feasibility of organizing special groups in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Association.

The Committee recommended: That in making up the program for the next annual meeting the third session (*i. e.*, the afternoon of the second day) be devoted to group meetings for the consideration of special topics to be arranged by a Committee appointed for this purpose; that a tentative list of these special topics be drawn up by the Committee and announced in the March issue of the *Publications*, at the same time inviting members of the Association to suggest further topics which they would be interested in discussing; that all members who expect to attend the meeting be urged to indicate to the Committee as

promptly as possible which groups they prefer to join; that on the basis of this information, the Committee should complete the make-up of the organization of the groups and appoint a leader for each group, publishing the list in the June issue of the *Publications*. The Committee further recommended that one session of the program be devoted as heretofore, to meetings of the English, Romance and Germanic Sections; and that the remaining two sessions be devoted to general meetings.

After some discussion of the details of the Committee's proposals it was moved that the report be adopted and that a Special Committee, of which Professor Manly should be Chairman, be appointed to carry the plan into execution.

Professor E. C. Armstrong moved as a substitute that the report of the Committee be approved in principle and the matter referred to the Executive Council to work out the details of carrying it into effect.

The substitute motion failed to receive a second; the original motion was then seconded and carried.

The Committee as constituted consists of Professors John M. Manly (Chairman), H. Carrington Lancaster, and Ernst H. Mensel.

On behalf of the Committee on Nomination of Officers, the Chairman, Professor Walter Morris Hart, presented the following nominations:

For President: William Guild Howard, Harvard University.

For Vice-Presidents: Chauncey B. Tinker, Yale University; Gordon Hall Gerould, Princeton University; Raymond Weeks, Columbia University.

The Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the nominees and they were declared elected to their several offices.

Professor William H. Hulme, of Western Reserve University, was called to the Chair, and the reading of papers was then resumed.

29. "Victor Hugo's Operas." By Professor F. A. Waterhouse, of the University of Texas.

30. "Kipling's Revisions of his Published Work." By Professor J. DeLancey Ferguson, of Ohio Wesleyan University.

31. "The Textbook Dialogue." By Dr. Bartholomew Vincent Crawford, of The Rice Institute.

32. "Longfellow, the Italian Teacher and Scholar." By Professor Emilio Goggio, of the University of Toronto.

33. "Largesse, an Out-of-Date Virtue." By Professor Marian P. Whitney, of Vassar College (read by Dr. Cornelia C. Coulter).

At 12.30 p. m. the Association adjourned.

#### PAPERS READ BY TITLE

34. "Development of the *Entremes* before Lope de Rueda." By Mr. W. Shaffer Jack, of the *University of Pennsylvania*.

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